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1. Construction of the Holesov (P 50/0 12) Airfield started in 1951 and the field was supposed to be completed by October 1952. However, owing to the shortage of manpower and the lack of building materials, it was still unfinished in April 1953. The construction work was undertaken by the firm of Armabeton, National Enterprise. One Auxiliary Technical Battalion (FTP) assisted in the work.
2. The airfield is on the southern edge of Holesov, near the Holesov-Hulin railroad line. Its northern boundary is the edge of Holesov and the railroad line. A railroad stop is situated near its northwest corner. The western boundary of the field is formed by the Holesov-Zahnašovice district road and its eastern boundary by the main Holesov-Martinice road. South of the field there are open fields.
3. The entire area of the field is flat, and the surface is sodded. The elevation of the field is 234 meters above sea level.
4. Construction of the runway started in March 1953. The taxiway was built first; it runs east and west and will be connected with the runway, which runs north and south. In April 1953, the runway was graded and rolled but it was not then possible to estimate the length of the runway when completed, but there is room enough for it to be three kilometers long, if desired. The remainder of the field—about 800 by 1,600 meters, and covered with grass—can also be used for takeoffs and landings, as it is quite flat and even.
5. A hangar is being built on the eastern side of the airfield about 300 meters south of the railroad line. It is of reinforced concrete and is 30 by 50 meters in size.
6. Fuel is stored between the hangar and the railroad line. Three steel tanks were buried in this place in April 1953.
7. In the northwest corner of the field, about 250 meters east of the Holesov-Zahnašovice district road and about 50 meters south of the railroad line, is a building 35 meters square. This is probably the control tower. It is of concrete up to

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three meters from the ground and from there up to a height of six or seven meters it is of steel construction filled in with glass. Many pipes can be seen in this building, suggesting that it houses a heating plant for the whole airfield.

8. In the northwest corner of the field, about 200 meters east of the Holesov-Zahna-sovice road and 100 meters south of the railroad, are three two-story brick buildings 20 by 40 meters in size. These buildings are used as billets.
9. On the eastern edge of the field, about 800 meters south of the railroad, are the old Holesov barracks. There are about six buildings, arranged in two rows and nearly all of the same size—20 by 50 meters—of red brick and having three stories.
10. Access to the hangar would be by means of the road leading to the old barracks; the billets and the control tower could be reached by means of the Holesov-Zahna-sovice road.
11. The Holesov Airfield is intended to replace the old Otrokovice Airfield, which cannot be extended further. It will be a Class A field for international airways crossing Moravia, and it will also be used partly by the Air Force, which also has the Prerov airfield for jet aircraft in the vicinity.
12. Electric power will be supplied to the field from the power plant at Prerov.

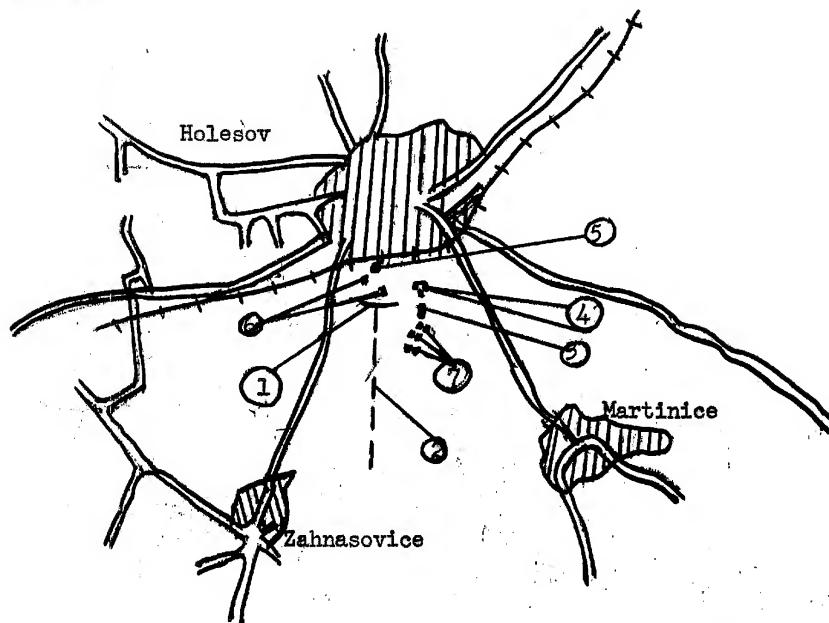
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Holesov Airfield



Legend

1. Concrete taxiway
2. Runway under construction
3. Hangar
4. Fuel tanks
5. Control tower
6. Billets
7. Old barracks

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